Whereas, styrofoam (expanded polystyrene) contains the carcinogenic compound styrene (a compound known to threaten human health and reproductive systems) and is, therefore, a health hazard to the DVC campus community;

Whereas, styrofoam products never biodegrade and instead break down into fragments that exist indefinitely in the environment;

Whereas, styrofoam enters storm drains and watersheds, thus harming the environment;

Whereas, pieces of styrofoam strangle and block the digestive systems of aquatic animals in local river, bay and ocean waterways;

Whereas, styrofoam is a petroleum product and consumption of styrofoam food and drink containers increases our dependency upon foreign oil;

Whereas, results of the most recent ACT campuswide student survey demonstrate that DVC students, “would like additional funding for renewable natural resources and are willing to pay more for items served in recyclable containers”;

Whereas, per New Board Policy 6004, the Contra Costa Community College District, “recognizes its obligation to establish best environmental and organizational practices that are conducive to student learning and the health, well-being, and effectiveness of all people within the community at large”;

Whereas, DVC Culinary Arts has already begun using sustainable, nontoxic, biodegradable food and drink containers;

Be it resolved, ASDVC, the DVC Classified Senate and the DVC Faculty Senate jointly and strongly recommend that Diablo Valley College and DVC Foodservices recognize their obligation to establish best environmental and organizational practices that are conducive to student learning and the health, well-being, and effectiveness of all people within the community at large.

Be it resolved ASDVC, the DVC Classified Senate and the DVC Faculty Senate request DVC Foodservices cease using Styrofoam food and drink containers campus-wide (excluding prepackaged food products such as “Cup ‘O Noodles”).
Be it resolved ASDVC, the DVC Classified Senate and the DVC Faculty Senate request DVC Foodservices stop using Styrofoam and begin using alternate, sustainable, safer products.

Be it resolved ASDVC, the DVC Classified Senate and the DVC Faculty Senate request DVC Foodservices begin actively working to maximize the use of sustainable, nontoxic, biodegradable food and drink containers campus-wide (and adjust their purchasing practices accordingly).